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A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERISATION ON NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
Invention: INVOLVING GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA FRAGMENTS
RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC...

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-21 and 23, the due date having been extended for two (2) months to May 23, 2006, the following Remarks are respectfully submitted.

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